

Appl. No. 10/518,267; Docket No. NL 020591
Amdt. dated October 5, 2006
Response to Office Action dated August 14, 2006

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-10 are pending in the application.

Applicants appreciate Examiner's acknowledgement of allowable subject matter in claims 1-4, and 10.

In response to Examiner's observations of improper multiply dependent claims. The claims have been edited to eliminate any multiple-claim dependencies and remove reference numbers. Claims 5-9 now depend upon allowed claim 1 and are therefore, allowable.

Applicants respectfully reserve all rights they may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicants furthermore reserve their right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Applicants believe they have addressed all of the Examiner's concerns and respectfully submit that the claims, as amended, are now allowable. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly requested.

The Commissioner is hereby requested and authorized pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a)(3), to treat any concurrent or future reply in this application requiring a petition for extension of time for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. Please charge any additional fees which may now or in the future be required in this application, including extension of time fees, but excluding the issue fee unless explicitly requested to do so, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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